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If a message comes from the heart, it will continue to reach other hearts.—Carlyle.

A GREAT WORK FOR HAWAII WELL DONE

Secretary Fisher closed his hearings today with a short informal talk to the little audience in the senate chamber that should have been heard by all Hawaii. It was the kind of talk that brings about closer understanding between public officials and citizens, more cooperation, better government.

The hearings close with the statement on the part of Attorney Ashford, for Delegate Kuhio, that Mr. Fisher has done his work here in a masterly manner, with an absolutely unbiased attitude. Both sides to the so-called controversy declare themselves satisfied with the investigation as it has been made.

The STAR-BULLETIN's belief is that Governor Frear will be recommended to President Taft for reappointment, and this paper believes he deserves to be. This paper believes also, however, that Secretary Fisher should and will recommend changes in the laws such as have been pointed out from time to time,—for better transportation, for a public utility commission, for assuring homesteaders that their cane will be milled at a fair price, for many other things.

To this paper Secretary Fisher's attitude seems plainly to point to a recommendation by him that Gov. Frear be retained in office and that every effort be made to bring about more encouragement for homesteaders, both by legal and by moral emphasis on the rights of the small farmer and the average citizen.

With this recommendation, if it is made, as we believe it will be made, the STAR-BULLETIN is heartily in accord. Secretary Fisher's visit has been of extreme importance to Hawaii. He leaves with the confidence of this community, with a host of friends here made solely by his straightforward, man-to-man fashion of conducting his investigation, and by his evident ability to weigh his evidence on scales of fairness to the big man and the small, to measure his evidence by the measure of progress for all the people.

FROM THE PUBLIC'S STANDPOINT

Secretary Fisher is not an ordained minister, but he has preached some pretty powerful doctrine since coming to Hawaii.

The secretary doesn't do his preaching by the didactic method. He tells a funny story, with the point sharp and sticking out quite plainly, or he asks a question that flies straight from the shoulder, or he merely suggests. But his sermons don't miss fire.

Yesterday he took publicity in the affairs of government as his text, and he preached by asking about three questions, during the time that Governor Frear was before him, in the comfortable chair that does duty for a witness stand in the senate chamber during these hearings.

The questions were all directed toward finding out what kind of publicity has been given the homesteading operations of the territory, and, in particular, what has been the policy with regard to advance notice of homestead lands about to be opened up.

Mr. Fisher did not get answers such as would assure him that every homestead has been opened under conditions of absolute publicity,—publicity from the standpoint of the common, everyday, average citizen who wants to wrest a home for himself from Hawaii's jungles and arid lands. He found that all legal requirements have been complied with, that there has been no apparent attempt to conceal any of the territory's affairs. But he did not find evidence of an aggressive campaign to acquaint this everyday citizen with the fact that he is to be given a chance to win his homestead.

The land commissioner's office has undergone three changes of head in slightly over a year. That is some excuse for delay in handling public lands questions coming directly before the department. But there certainly seems to have been a lack of efficiency in handling the correspondence of the office, extending over a much longer period than the past year. There seems to have been a lack of businesslike attention to the affairs of the people who want to get on the land or who have been on the land and want to get their titles straightened up.

Aside from this defect, which will remain, in public opinion, a serious defect unless and until it is explained fully, the administration is perfectly aware that the people of this territory feel

somewhat out of touch with many of their own public affairs. The STAR-BULLETIN has said in the past and repeats again that very much of the so-called Frear-Kuhio controversy could have been avoided. Misunderstanding has been as big a factor in Kuhio's present open enmity to Frear as any feeling that the governor has leaned toward the corporations in his administration. Absolutely dissimilar in type as the men are, their ideas have not been frankly interchanged.

Kuhio's attitude has been strengthened by the encouragement he received in his own circles and from many citizens who found the administration singularly difficult to understand. Lack of mutual understanding began to "log down" the administration.

Americans don't like secrecy, they don't like reticence in public affairs. The popular presidential candidate is the man who talks on any and all occasions, who calls his enemies liars and his friends bully good fellows, who takes the people into his confidence on everything from the state of his health to the possibilities of war, peace, race-suicide or trust-busting. Secrecy, even if unintentional, breeds distrust, and distrust breeds suspicion, and suspicion hatches a brood of sinister rumors and idle stories. And then there's just the kind of a set-up that starts a row.

Secretary Fisher has the right kind of a remedy, and it's a remedy that is needed in Hawaii. That remedy is aggressive publicity in the affairs of government. Let the people know what the public officials are doing. Taking the public into his confidence is a step that no officer of this territory will regret.

A HANDICAP TO SUFFRAGE

One of the reasons why equal suffrage in England is progressing so much more slowly than in the United States is revealed in an interview given to the British press by Christabel Pankhurst. Miss Pankhurst is an exile from England, a warrant having been issued for her arrest after some particularly wanton acts of violence by militant suffragettes under her direction. Her interview shows plainly the tack that suffragettes of her type prefer to take. She said:

"I suppose that the suffragist movement signifies the greatest change for human kind in centuries. It is even greater than the emancipation of the slaves, as it concerns one-half of humanity. Its martyrs will be honored in the writings and speeches of succeeding generations. When I recall the growth of the movement from the beginning it seems as though the climax were at last drawing near. Things cannot continue as at present. It is certain that the more women are made to suffer the more others will come forward to offer themselves on the altar of the cause. The government itself is hastening events by inflicting sentences of five years at enforced labor. At this rate all the prisons will soon be filled with women."

Filling the prisons with women who have thrown hatchets at ministers of the government, broken thousands of dollars' worth of windows in jewelers' shops, blacked the eyes of half the policemen of London, overturned the cab of the premier and created riotous scenes in Parliament, may be Miss Pankhurst's idea of an intelligent campaign of education, but it will hardly coincide with the ideas of suffrage workers in America.

Refreshing news from Hilo. One of the police officers has decided not to use money in persuading voters to send him to the House of Representatives.

Governor Frear is perhaps the only public official in captivity of whom it is generally said that he needs a wise press-agent.

It is a peculiar coincidence that Secretary Fisher seems particularly interested in just the subjects discussed in Hawaii with bated breath.

War in the Balkans doesn't create any excitement in Hawaii. Now if it were intervention in Mexico—

If Wilson offers Bryan a place in his cabinet, there will be a sudden noise like an acceptance.

Duke Kahanamoku, Jr., may be officially referred to as the Waikiki promotion committee.

Roosevelt is having a heap of fun on his tour, anyway.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

E. B. BLANCHARD—I don't think there will be any more trouble with the poi manufacturers, as the present indications show it to be well above the standard.

PAUL SUPER—Honolulu will be given a great musical treat when the quartet that will accompany the Smith-Robbins aggregation arrive here in January.

SOLDIER KING—Getting back to Honolulu made me feel so good that I went down to Athletic Park last night and took ten seconds off my island record for the mile.

LOYD R. KILLAM—The religious work department of the Y. M. C. A. has just issued a prospectus covering the work of the department for the coming year. Several interesting talks are scheduled to take place in the near future.

JAMES A. RATH—We are trying to get the streets out here in Palama oiled to try and prevent the numerous cases of eye trouble that have resulted from the dust. Last month 85 per cent. of these cases were treated at the Palama and Kauluwela dispensaries.

SHERIFF WILLIAM JARRETT—Talk about the high cost of living. I drew my princely stipend as sheriff yesterday, and with the accumulation of filthy lucre started around the block bounded by Bethel, Merchant, Fort and King streets, and when I got to the starting-point I could not raise twenty dollars. I didn't visit a bank, either.

REV. A. A. EBERSOLE—If Honolulu doesn't move forward in the way of social reform, it isn't because we are not having the help of some of the leading speakers along that line on the mainland, and it behooves us to do our part toward the work, and that is what I believe Honolulu is going to do in a way that it has never done before.

HARBOR OFFICER CARTER—It is surprising how many people in this town are of the opinion that one or more of the transportation companies owe them a free or cheap passage to the coast. I made a search of the Inter-Island steamer Kilauea before that vessel sailed for the coast last night, and unearthed a bunch of stowaways who expected to beat it for the mainland without the payment of steamer fare.

JOEL COHEN—If you want to get the correct line on the popular esteem in which presidential candidates are held by the masses of people in Honolulu, just attend the Liberty theater, while the pictured presentations of Wilson, Roosevelt and Taft are being thrown on the screen. The other night Wilson's picture came first and received a rousing reception. Taft's followed and the silence was dense enough to cut with a meat axe. When Roosevelt's likeness appeared it seemed as if two-thirds of the house were attempting to tear up the flooring, judging from the noise and din. Not much guesswork about that sort of demonstration.

PERSONALITIES

PRINCIPAL JERNEGAN of the Hilo High School has registered a list of "wants" with the supervisors. New desks and new janitor figure in his desires.

FREDERICK C. BRIGGS of Honolulu is now visiting his mother and sister in South Paris, but will start on his long journey to the island of the Pacific some time during the coming week. Mr. Briggs is a native of South Paris, but four years ago he came to Hawaii and established a sanatorium near the city of Honolulu and at an altitude of 1000 feet above the sea.

ONCE A HERRING ALWAYS A HERRING?

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—"Is a herring a herring after it is put in a sardine can, or is it a sardine?" is one of the problems at the Treasury Department today.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Curtis is trying to decide whether a herring is a herring if it comes to this country boxed as a sardine. At first Mr. Curtis was inclined to give an off-hand decision, but after looking into the matter has come to the conclusion that he had better wait a while.

The tariff duty on a sardine is much higher than on a herring. Many of the "sardines" that come to this country from Norway and Sweden are really herrings, and the importers object to paying sardine rates.

This question promises to become as famous as, "If a herring and a half costs a cent and a half, how many teeth has an anchovy?"

A man's worn-out stomach was treated for that of a health ape in a patient in a Paris hospital. To thoroughly test the new stomach the man got himself as "full as a goat." The test was eminently satisfactory to patient and doctors.

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SURF POSTERS FOR 1913 PARADE

Promotion Committee Receives New Posters and Cards for Carnival

Posters for the 1913 Mid-Pacific Carnival and Eighth Annual Floral Parade were received this morning by the Promotion Committee from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

The new poster for the carnival season is one of the most effective that has ever been issued by the Promotion Committee and fits in with the surf-riding reputation which Duke Kahanamoku has made world renowned. The design finally accepted was that of a German poster artist, and represents a powerful Hawaiian riding the surf. The figure gives the true atmosphere of surfing action, and the power and curl of the wave is forcefully expressed.

Cards to be sent out carry on one side the surf-riding figure in colors, and the larger cards have a picture of Duke Kahanamoku, the champion short-distance swimmer of the world, with an appropriate text on the climate of Hawaii under the title, "Why Duke Kahanamoku? Climate." The smaller cards carry a strong argument for visiting Hawaii this winter. This appears under the title, "See America First."

Unfortunately the limited means of the Promotion Committee has allowed only a limited number of the larger posters, but a fair quantity of the postcards. These, besides being good advertising, because attracting immediate attention, are certain to have a splendid pulling power, as they are of an artistic merit that assures their being kept as souvenirs.

AD CLUB CATALOGUE TALK

"The Pulling Power of the Mainland Catalogue and How to Meet It," is the subject that will be discussed by Mr. S. S. Paxon at the meeting of the Honolulu Ad Club tomorrow noon in the Young Cafe Rathskeller.

This is a topic that is a live issue with the Honolulu merchant and advertiser, especially since the new parcels post law. A good attendance is expected.

At the meeting tomorrow Mr. Geo. E. Curtis, chairman of the committee in charge of the dance to be given by the club at the Outrigger Club Saturday evening next, will report completed plans. The committee has secured the Ernest Kaal club to furnish music. Invitations are being sent out by members of the club.

SUGAR STOCKS ARE ON THE TOBOGGAN

Sugar stocks, what little are moving, are on the toboggan. Oahu has lost three-quarters of a point in two days. Sales of 60, 20 and 80 shares at 23.75 were reported today from between sessions, and on the board 5, 20 and 20 went at 25.50. McBryde has fallen off a half-point to 5 flat for 40 and 80 shares on the board, this being a decline of one dollar in a week. Ewa, following a decline of one-half point yesterday, slumped to the extent of a point and a half today, 50 shares selling on the board at 28.

Evidently there is more faith in beer than in sugar, seeing that Brewery stock shows an advance of a quarter point to 24.75 for 50 shares sold in recess and 5 additional on the board.

The Hilo Railroad extension bonds are still going freely at the recent advance to 97, at which sales of \$5000, \$1000, \$1000 and \$20,000 are reported. Hilo Railroad common stock, on the other hand, sold down an eighth to 8.75 for 160 shares between boards.

MONTESSORI SYSTEM INTERESTS ROYALTY

A report from Rome indicates that Queen Margherita is greatly interested in the new method of teaching which is generally known as the Montessori System. At the special request of the Queen, Dr. Montessori recently went to the palace and gave a thorough explanation of her methods, at the same time exhibiting many of the materials used in connection with her teaching. The Queen is reported to have been unusually enthusiastic as the plan was made plain to her, and marveled at the results obtained by the system in so short a time. The Montessori System is becoming exceedingly popular in the United States, and a new book designed as an introduction to the study of the system has just been published by Harpers.

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